

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please amend the paragraph at page 8, line 14, as follows:*

Also, as  $\beta$ -halopropionic acid halogen compound or  $\alpha$ -methyl- $\beta$ -halopropionic acid halogen compound, there can be mentioned, specifically, acyl chlorides such as  ~~$\beta$ -chloro~~  $\beta$ -chloro propionic acid,  $\beta$ -bromo propionic acid,  ~~$\alpha$ -methyl- $\beta$ -chloro~~  $\alpha$ -methyl- $\beta$ -chloro propionic acid,  ~~$\alpha$ -methyl- $\beta$ -chloro~~ propionic acid and the like; and acyl bromides. However, acyl chlorides such as  ~~$\beta$ -chloro~~  $\beta$ -chloro propionic acid and  ~~$\alpha$ -methyl- $\beta$ -chloro~~  $\alpha$ -methyl- $\beta$ -chloro propionic acid are more properly used in view of reactivity and the like.